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TOPIC Soviet Troops and Materiel Passing Through ZAHONY

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REMARKS

1. The following Soviet military shipments from the Soviet Union passed through the Hungarian railroad station 50X1-HUM ZAHONY (R 49/E 90) between 18 July and 15 August 1949:

18 July 1949

Six sealed railroad cars with unknown Soviet cargo going in the general direction of SZOLNOK (Q 48/O 38).

Night of 19 July 1949

Twelve railroad cars with eight probably heavy tanks covered with tarpaulins.

20 July 1949

Twelve railroad cars with troops.

Night of 22 July 1949

Eight railroad cars, four of them with aircraft wings and fuselage sections (probably of single-engine aircraft.)

Night of 24 July 1949

Sixteen railroad cars carrying six radio trucks and troops in the general direction of SZOLNOK.

25 July 1949

Twenty-six railroad cars, 12 of them gondola cars loaded with tanks and two carrying radio trucks going in the general direction of SZOLNOK.

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27 July 1949

Nineteen railroad cars with disassembled aircraft parts, going in the general direction of WOPACS (Y 5/B 62).

Night of 28 July 1949

Light sealed railroad cars with unknown Soviet cargo.

29 July 1949

Six sealed railroad cars, going in the general direction of WISKOLC (R 49/J 87). [redacted] each car carried four cigar-shaped devices, each about 25 feet long.

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Night of 30 July 1949

Thirteen railroad cars with Soviet troops, going in the general direction of SZEGED (Y 7/T 17).

Night of 1 August 1949

Five sealed railroad cars with unknown Soviet cargo, bound for SZOLNOK.

Night of 2 August 1949

Fourteen railroad cars with nine motor vehicles.

Night of 4 August 1949

Thirty-five railroad cars with ten heavy tanks, two self-propelled guns and two antiaircraft guns, going in the general direction of SZEGED. The train was manned by Soviet railroad personnel.

Night of 5 August 1949

Soviet shipment of eight tanks, one self-propelled gun and one antiaircraft gun bound for SZEGED. Tank insignia were observed with troops.

7 August 1949

Thirty-five railroad cars with infantry troops and 19 railroad cars with bridge-building equipment.

Night of 7 August 1949

Twenty-two railroad cars with infantry troops, 12 motor vehicles and three antiaircraft guns, going in the general direction of BUDA (Y 6/S 28).

8 August 1949

Forty railroad cars with tank troops and 18 tanks and four railroad tank cars with fuel.

Night of 8 August 1949

Fifty railroad cars with 33 tanks and two radio trucks, going in the general direction of SZEGED. [redacted]

[redacted] the train had already been en route for three days.

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Night of 9 August 1949

Thirty-two railroad cars, 18 of which were loaded with wooden bridge material, the others with eight full-track prime movers and two motor vehicles.

Night of 10 August 1949

Forty-six railroad cars with tank troops and 22 tanks, one self-propelled gun, one radio truck and three railroad tank cars with fuel. The troops were young. The train was bound for BAJA.

11 August 1949

Twenty-eight railroad cars with troops and three antiaircraft guns (on four-wheel mounts), going in the general direction of MOHACS.

12 August 1949

Forty-three sealed boxcars with unknown Soviet cargo; going in the direction of BZEGED.

13 August 1949

Sixteen railroad cars, 13 of which were railroad tank cars with fuel, going in the general direction of BZEGED.

Night of 13 August 1949

Twenty railroad cars with tank troops and 4 armored reconnaissance cars, going in the general direction of BAJA.

14 August 1949

Twenty-nine sealed railroad cars on which only eight full-track prime movers were observed.

Night of 14 August 1949

Thirty railroad cars with tank troops and 12 tanks, four self-propelled guns and one radio truck, going in the direction of BZEGED.

15 August 1949

Three mixed shipments, one of them with two antiaircraft guns bound for BAJA, the other two bound for BZEGED.

Night of 15 August 1949

Two trains with a total of 56 tanks and six antiaircraft searchlights. The troops on the trains, which were bound for BZEGED, were newly equipped.

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Comment

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a. The above report [ ] indicates that new Soviet combat units were transferred from the Soviet Union to the Balkans in the summer of 1949.

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b. According to the above report, the trains which passed through ZALONY between 18 July and 15 August 1949 carried - approximately - the following troops and materiel from the Soviet Union to Hungary:

Troops on 200 railroad cars  
 190 tanks and self-propelled guns  
 10 antiaircraft guns  
 6 searchlights  
 12 radio trucks  
 40 motor vehicles and prime movers  
 Bridge-building equipment on 40 railroad cars.

These shipments may indicate that either one Soviet armored division [ ] or large GRU units were shifted from the Soviet Union to Hungary between mid-July and mid-August 1949. The shipments may, however, also indicate that only reinforcements arrived for Soviet units already stationed in Hungary.

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c. The reported receiving stations (see "going in the general direction of ") are, with the exception of BOLONOK, located in the Hungarian-Yugoslav border area (MOHACS, BACA and BUDAPEST).

[ ] it is considered possible that the railroad stations mentioned may have been the receiving points for the observed shipments of troops and materiel. These stations are located in a border area which offers an advantageous jump-off position for any military action possibly planned, by the Soviets against Yugoslavia.

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